

St. Mary's, Great Parndon.

SEPTEMBER 2026 News.

Priest in charge – Revd Richard Attew –Tel 01279 315044.

Services - Sunday – 11:00am Holy Communion/ morning worship.
Wednesday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.
Thursday – 9:30am Morning Prayer.

Monthly Coffee Morning -Thursday 3rd September.

Come and join us for tea, coffee, and a chat.10:30am to 12noon at St Mary's church.
All are welcome. For further details contact Alison on 01279 418699.

PCC Meeting.

Our next PCC Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd September, 7:30pm at St Mary's church, where we will discuss and plan our autumn and Christmas services.
Please give thanks and pray for Yemi who has kindly agreed to take the minutes of our PCC meetings.

Heritage open day – Saturday 12th September.

This year's theme is everyday history. www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

It was suggested that the congregation be asked how they came to live in Harlow; explore discussing a history of the church building and the history of the headstones in the graveyard and the history of how people lived decades ago.

Any photographs of your childhood in the area would be most welcome.

St Mary's church will be open between 10:00am and 3:30pm, as well as Catherine's Farm House and our old church hall (Old School House) in Peldon Road. Refreshments will be served at St Mary's. Any offers of help will be appreciated.

The church will also be open as part of the annual Ride and Stride, a sponsored cycle event supporting Friends of Essex Churches.

Marjorie Hale.

Marjorie is now in a care home near her brother's in Buckinghamshire, following a fall. Please pray for her continued recovery and return home.

South Transept wall repairs.

Parts of the south transept walls have been replastered as the existing areas had deteriorated. The work should be finished at the beginning of September, with the application of the special paint. As we are no longer able to reclaim the VAT, we are looking for donations to pay the VAT of just over £400. Special blue envelopes will be available at the back of the church, marked South Transept repairs, otherwise please contact Alison if you wish to donate directly.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 4th October.

Please bring tinned and packet food which will be donated to Harlow Foodbank. Details of their needs are below.

Eco tip.

Specsavers have a collection box for recycling old reading glasses (no glass cases please).

Foodbank. Peter Button is happy to take donated items from St Mary's to the Foodbank each week. Please leave items in the usual place next to the font. Note that the Foodbank is dealing with rising demand and is now short of many items, such as tinned meat, tinned fish (tuna), sponge pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long life fruit juices and small jars of coffee.

For help: The Church of England has a free 24-hour phone line, *Daily Hope*, offering hymns, prayers & reflections (0800 804 8044).

Email; <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/sleep-well-dailyhope>

